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SUBJ: PANAM OVERFLIGHT REQUEST

REF STATE 197461; ANKARA 7181

1. OBTAINING APPROVAL FROM GOT FOR PAN AM CHARTER FLIGHT TO OVERFLY TURKEY EN ROUTE TO YEREVAN, USSR, HAS BEEN COMPLICATED BECAUSE ROUTING REQUEST BY PAN AM IS NOT ONE OF REGULAR COMMERCIAL ROUTES TO THAT DESTINATION. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS HAS REVEALED THAT ROUTE REQUESTED BY PAN AM WOULD CROSS TURKISH/USSR BORDER IN SENSITIVE AREA. TURKISH SOURCES SAY THERE IS AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES RESTRICTING FLIGHTS WITHIN TEN KILOMETERS OF EACH SIDE OF BORDER TO CERTAIN FLIGHTS AT ALTITUDE OF NOT MORE THAN JWPPP FEET ABOVE GROUND. TURKISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO SEEK EXCEPTIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR US CHARTER FLIGHT AND, IN ANY EVENT, MINISTRY BELIEVES IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGMENT IN LIMITED TIME NOW AVAILABLE.

2. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, AFTER RECEIVING ABOVE INFORMATION, CHECKED WITH LOCAL PAN AM OFFICE. LATTER SAID IT HAD BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED BY PAN AMERICAN NEW YORK TO REQUEST

ROUTE IN QUESTION, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE IT IS SHORTER THAN
NORMAL COMMERCIAL ROUTES.

3. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR THEREUPON INFORMED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS THAT EMBASSY HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SEEKING
APPROVAL FOR ROUTE ACROSS SENSITIVE MILITARY AREA AND ASKED IF
TURKISH AUTHORITIES COULD EXPEDITIOUSLY APPROVE OVERFLIGHT BY
PAN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT ON ONE OF NORMAL COMMERCIAL ROUTES.
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL FELT THAT THIS COULD BE
ARRANGED FAIRLY PROMPTLY AND SAID HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH
OTHER TURKISH OFFICIALS INVOLVED. HE EXPECTS BE ABLE GRANT
APPROVAL FOR SHORTEST NORMAL COMMERCIAL ROUTE LATER IN DAY.
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